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Draft report

Rapporteur: Ms. Soha **Gendi** (Egypt)

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters on 15 February 2008 and from 4 to 13 February 2009. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2009/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairperson and other members of the Bureau. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 15 February 2008 and 4 February 2009, in pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Kirsti **Lintonen** (Finland)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Lilit **Toutkhalian** (Armenia)
Tareq Md. Ariful **Islam** (Bangladesh)
Soha **Gendi** (Egypt)
Lorena **Giménez-Jimenez** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

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4. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission designated Vice-Chairperson Soha Gendi to also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2009/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: social integration;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;
   (c) Emerging issues: "The global crises and their impact on social development".
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2006-2007;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011;
   (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.5/2009/1, annex I, as orally corrected.

E. Documentation

7. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-seventh session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

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Provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission

Provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting full employment and decent work for all: linkages between full employment and decent work for all and social integration

(a) Priority theme: social integration;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes.

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Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda

Report of the Secretary-General on the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(c) Emerging issues:

Documentation

4. Programme questions and other matters.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013: subprogramme 3, Social policy and development

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Sudan:* draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,[1] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled 'World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world', held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,[2]

"*Reaffirming* the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,[3] the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,[4] General Assembly resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[5]

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8).

[2] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] See General Assembly resolution 57/2.

[5] A/57/304, annex.

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"*Noting* the conclusions of the African Union Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa, held in Ouagadougou on 8 and 9 September 2004,

"*Recognizing* the commitments made in meeting the special needs of Africa at the 2005 World Summit,[6]

"*Remaining concerned* that Africa is the only continent currently not on track to achieve any of the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration by 2015, and in this regard emphasizing that concerted efforts and continued support are required to fulfil the commitments to address the special needs of Africa,

"*Expressing deep concern* that attainment of the social development objectives may be hindered by the financial crisis, and by the challenges arising from the ongoing food and energy crisis,

"*Recognizing* that capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and best practices are essential for the successful implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and recognizing also the need for continued support from the international community,

"*Bearing in mind* that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development, that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized and that their development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, and in this regard recalling the support given by the International Conference on Financing for Development[7] to the New Partnership,

"1. *Welcomes* the progress made by the African countries in fulfilling their commitments in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development[5] to deepen democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic management, and encourages African countries, with the participation of stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to intensify their efforts in this regard by developing and strengthening institutions for governance and creating an environment conducive to attracting foreign direct investment for the development of the region;

"2. *Also welcomes* the good progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism, in particular the completion of the peer review process in some countries, the progress in implementing the recommendations of those reviews in some countries and the completion of the self-assessment process, the hosting of country support missions and the launching of the national preparatory process for the peer review in others, and urges African States that have not yet done so, to join the peer review, as a matter of priority, and to strengthen the peer review process so as to ensure its efficient performance;

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[6] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

[7] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

"3. *Welcomes in particular* the organization of the first session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development, held in Windhoek from 27 to 31 October 2008, and the adoption of both the African Common Position on Social Integration and the Social Policy Framework for Africa, which has been endorsed by Africa's Heads of State;

"4. *Welcomes* the efforts made by African countries and regional and subregional organizations, including the African Union, to mainstream a gender perspective and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the New Partnership, including the implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa;

"5. *Emphasizes* that the African Union and the regional economic communities have a critical role to play in the implementation of the New Partnership, and in this regard encourages African countries, with the assistance of their development partners, to increase and coordinate effectively their support for enhancing the capacities of these institutions and to promote regional and continental integration;

"6. *Also emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership depends also on a favourable national and international environment for Africa's growth and development, including measures to promote a policy environment conducive to private sector development and entrepreneurship;

"7. *Further emphasizes* that democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, transparent and accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society, and effective participation by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and the private sector are among the indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

"8. *Emphasizes* that the rising poverty levels and social exclusion faced by most African countries require a comprehensive approach to the development and implementation of social and economic policies, inter alia, to reduce poverty, to promote economic activity, growth and sustainable development to ensure employment creation and decent work for all, and to enhance social inclusion, political stability, democracy and good governance and the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, so as to ensure the achievement of Africa's social and economic objectives;

"9. *Recognizes* that while social development is primarily the responsibility of Governments, international cooperation and assistance are essential for the full achievement of that goal;

"10. *Also recognizes* the contribution made by Member States to the implementation of the New Partnership in the context of South-South cooperation, welcomes, in that regard, the convening of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation on 4 and 5 November 2006 and the Africa-South America Summit, held in Abuja on 30 November and 1 December 2006, and encourages the international community, including the international financial institutions, to support the efforts of African countries, including through trilateral cooperation;

"11. *Welcomes* the various important initiatives of Africa's development partners in recent years, including those of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Africa Action Plan of the Group of Eight, the 2007 European Union-Africa Summit, the Africa-Asia Business Forum, the report of the Commission for Africa entitled 'Our common interest', the Africa Partnership Forum, the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 28 to 30 May 2008, on the theme 'Towards a vibrant Africa: continent of hope and opportunity',[8] the India-Africa Summit and the Turkey-Africa Summit, and in this regard, emphasizes the importance of coordination in such initiatives on Africa by means of consolidated plans of action ensuring effective implementation through the translation of financial commitments and monitoring mechanisms;

"12. *Urges* continuous support of measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa, including, as appropriate, debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, enhanced official development assistance, increased foreign direct investment and the transfer of technology, the conclusion of the Doha round of negotiations of the World Trade Organization, enhanced economic empowerment of women, and achieving the health-, education- and food security-related Millennium Development Goals;

"13. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the commitments made by Governments during the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty has fallen short of expectations and welcomes the proclamation of the Second Decade (2008-2017) by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/205 of 19 December 2007 in order to support, in an efficient and coordinated manner, the internationally agreed development goals related to poverty eradication, including the Millennium Development Goals;

"14. *Encourages* all development partners to ensure aid effectiveness through the implementation of the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Renew the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, which was adopted by the Conference on 2 December 2008 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/239 of 24 December 2008, as contained in the annex thereto;

"15. *Recognizes* the need for national Governments and the international community to make continued efforts to increase the flow of new and additional resources for financing for development from all sources, public and private, domestic and foreign, to support the development of African countries;

"16. *Welcomes* the efforts by development partners to align their financial and technical support to Africa more closely with the priorities of the New Partnership, as reflected in national poverty reduction strategies or in similar strategies, and encourages development partners to increase their efforts in this regard;

"17. *Acknowledges* the activities of the Bretton Woods institutions and the African Development Bank in African countries, and invites those

[8] See A/62/859.

institutions to continue their support for the implementation of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership;

"18. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters;

"19. *Emphasizes* that it is important for the cluster working on communication, advocacy and outreach to continue to muster international support for the New Partnership and to urge the United Nations system to demonstrate more evidence of cross-sectoral synergies to promote a comprehensive approach regarding successive phases of planning and implementation of social development programmes in Africa;

"20. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to provide assistance to the African Union and the secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and to African countries in developing projects and programmes within the scope of the priorities of the New Partnership;

"21. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as a follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, to urge the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist African countries in implementing quick-impact initiatives, based on their national development priorities and strategies, to enable them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and in this respect, acknowledges recent commitments by some donor countries;

"22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, and requests the Office to collaborate with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and to include the social dimensions of the New Partnership in its comprehensive reports to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

"23. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to discuss in its annual programme of work, regional programmes to promote social development so as to enable all regions of the United Nations system to share experiences and best practices, with the concurrence of concerned countries, and in this regard, the programmes of work of the Commission should be aligned to identified priority areas of the New Partnership;

"24. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should continue to give prominence to and raise awareness of the social dimensions of the New Partnership during its forty-eighth session;

"25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, to be tabled during the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, while also taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 62/179 of 19 December 2007, entitled 'New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support'."

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: World Programme of Action for Youth

Austria,* Democratic Republic of the Congo, Portugal,* Republic of Moldova,* Romania,* Senegal and Uzbekistan:* draft resolution

Policies and programmes involving youth

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, and resolution 62/126 of 18 December 2007, by which it adopted the Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 62/126 requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-seventh session, on the implementation of the World Programme of Action in the priority areas of environment, leisure-time activities, youth participation in decision-making, intergenerational issues, information and communication technologies, health, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, girls and young women and armed conflict, and to include in that report a comprehensive set of goals and targets for those priority areas based on consultations with Member States as well as the organizations, programmes, regional commissions and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, young people, youth-led organizations and other non-governmental organizations,

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Recalling further the goals and targets related to the priority areas of globalization, poverty and hunger, education and employment, contained in the report of the Secretary-General on goals and targets for monitoring the progress of youth in the global economy,[1]

Recognizing that the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, require the full and effective participation of young people and youth-led organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Stressing the important role of effective national youth policies in promoting the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Stressing also that increased coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities working on youth is necessary to make the youth-related work of the United Nations system more effective,

1. *Reaffirms* the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond[2] and its Supplement[3] as a unified set of guiding principles to be referred to henceforth as the World Programme of Action for Youth;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: progress and constraints with respect to the well-being of youth and their role in civil society"[4] and the annexes thereto containing goals and targets for the clusters "Youth and their well-being" and "Youth in civil society";

3. *Calls upon* Member States to consider using the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General at the national level as a means of facilitating the monitoring of the progress in young people's well-being and their engagement with civil society and the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the relevant United Nations entities to disseminate information about the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets and to promote their appropriate use in their programmatic work related to youth;

5. *Encourages* Member States to collect, on a continuous basis, reliable, comparable and relevant data, disaggregated by age and gender, to measure progress towards the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action and the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to further develop and propose a set of possible indicators linked to the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets, in order to assist States in assessing the situation of youth, with a view to allowing its consideration by the Commission

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[1] A/62/61/Add.1-E/2007/7/Add.1.

[2] General Assembly resolution 50/81, annex.

[3] General Assembly resolution 62/126, annex.

[4] A/64/61-E/2009/3.

on Social Development at its forty-ninth session and by the Statistical Commission at the earliest opportunity;

7. *Urges* Member States to work together with youth-led organizations and other stakeholders, such as the private sector, to implement the World Programme of Action for Youth and, when using the proposed goals and targets, to share experiences and good practices in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, with the assistance of the United Nations system, to promote the well-being of youth by developing effective national youth policies as an integral aspect of their national development agendas;

9. *Also calls upon* Member States to create effective channels of cooperation and information exchange between young people, their national Governments and other decision makers and to support the establishment and functioning of independent national youth councils or equivalent bodies, including junior parliaments, with the assistance of the United Nations system where needed;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States, the international community, the United Nations system and the private sector to support youth-led organizations in being open and inclusive and to strengthen their capacity to participate in national and international development activities;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult with youth-led and youth-focused organizations to ensure that varied youth input is duly shared with the Commission for Social Development during its deliberations;

12. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring that young people are recognized as active agents in decision-making processes and for positive change and development in society;

13. *Urges* Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to all relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasizes that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process which ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries;

14. *Recognizes* the positive contribution that youth representatives make to the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies and their role as an important channel of communication between young people and the United Nations, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to support adequately the United Nations Programme on Youth of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat so that it can continue to facilitate their effective participation in meetings;

15. *Welcomes* the recent increased collaboration among United Nations entities in the area of youth development, and calls upon the United Nations Programme on Youth to continue to act as the focal point within the United Nations system to promote further collaboration;

16. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen international cooperation in support of national efforts to achieve the full implementation of all aspects of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Programme on Youth within the existing resources of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to meet the increasing demands on the Programme to support, evaluate and review youth development in all its facets;

18. *Invites* all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session, a comprehensive report on the coordination and collaboration of relevant United Nations entities in their work related to youth.

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Lilit Toutkhalian (Armenia), on the basis of informal consultations

Promoting full employment and decent work for all

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development[1] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,[2]

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action[1] and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session,[2] and a continued global dialogue on social issues, constitute a basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recognizing that a people-centred approach must be at the centre of economic and social development,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/18 of 24 July 2008 on promoting full employment and decent work for all,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 63/230 of 19 December 2008 on the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty,

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[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

2. *Reaffirms* the central importance of full and productive employment and decent work to poverty reduction and social integration;

3. *Decides* to keep full and productive employment and decent work for all under review, and requests the Secretary-General to include a segment on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/18, and on the linkage between full employment and decent work for all and social integration, and the impact of the current world financial and economic crisis on full employment and decent work for all and social integration, in his report on the main theme of social integration to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-eighth session.

[5] E/CN.5/2009/4.